

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. A method for managing shipment of a product through the use of the Internet, said method comprising:
  - 5 inputting into a server packing slip data for a product to be shipped;
  - storing said packing slip data in said server;
  - comparing said stored packing slip data relative to respective supplier data stored in a database;
  - 10 updating said stored packing slip data based on said comparison;
  - printing a packing slip based on said updated packing slip data from said server;
  - attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be
  - 15 shipped;
  - verifying said printed packing slip relative to product actually shipped; and
  - inputting exceptions and/or notations into said server.
- 20 2. The method recited in claim 1 wherein said printed packing slip includes bar-coded information.
3. The method recited in claim 2 wherein the verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning the bar-coded
- 25 packing slip.

4. The method recited in claim 3, further comprising:  
 comparing said exceptions and/or notations relative to data  
 stored in said database;  
 5 updating said database on said server with said exceptions  
 and/or notations;  
 printing a new bar-coded packing slip based on said  
 exceptions and/or notations;  
 attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a  
 10 modified product to be shipped;  
 shipping and delivering the modified product;  
 verifying said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the  
 modified shipped product; and  
 inputting any new exceptions and notations onto said server.

15 5. The method according to claim 4 further comprising:  
 inputting said packing slip information into a purchaser  
 inventory system; and  
 comparing said packing slip data to a purchase order.

20 6. A computer-readable medium encoded with computer  
 program code for managing shipment of a product through the use of the  
 Internet, the program code causing a computer to execute a method  
 comprising:  
 inputting into a server packing slip data for a product to be  
 25 shipped;  
 storing said packing slip data in said server;  
 comparing said stored packing slip data relative to respective  
 supplier data stored in a database;  
 updating said stored packing slip data based on said  
 30 comparison;

printing a packing slip based on said updated packing slip  
data from said server;

attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be  
shipped;

5                verifying said printed packing slip relative to product  
actually shipped; and  
                inputting exceptions and/or notations into said server.

7.            The computer-readable medium of claim 6 wherein said  
10   printed packing slip further includes bar-coded information.

8.            The computer-readable medium of claim 7 wherein the  
verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning  
the bar-coded packing slip.

9.            The computer-readable medium of claim 8 further  
15   comprising:  
                comparing said exceptions and/or notations relative to data  
stored in said database;

                updating said database on said server with said exceptions  
and/or notations;

20            printing a new bar-coded packing slip based on said  
exceptions and/or notations;

                attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a  
modified product to be shipped;

                shipping and delivering the modified product;

25            verifying said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the  
modified shipped product; and

                inputting any new exceptions and notations onto said server.

10. The computer-readable medium of claim 9 further comprising:

inputting said packing slip information into a purchaser inventory system; and

5 comparing said packing slip data to a purchase order.

11. A web-enabled system for managing shipment of a product, the system comprising:

a module configured to provide a web page including at least  
10 a data field to be filled by the supplier with packing slip data indicative of a product to be shipped;

a module configured to store said packing slip data on a server;

a database configured to store inventory data;

15 a module configured to compare said stored packing slip data relative to said inventory data stored in said database;

a module configured to update said stored packing slip data based on said comparison;

20 a module configured to print a packing slip based on said updated packing slip data from said server;

attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be shipped;

verifying said printed packing slip relative to product actually shipped; and

25 a module configured to input exceptions and/or notations into said server.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein said printed packing slip further includes bar-coded information.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning the bar-coded packing slip.

5           14. The system of claim 13 further comprising:  
            a module configured to compare said exceptions and/or  
notations relative to data stored in said database;  
            a module configured to update said database on said server  
with said exceptions and/or notations;  
10           a module configured to print a new bar-coded packing slip  
based on said exceptions and/or notations;  
            attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a  
modified product to be shipped;  
            shipping and delivering the modified product;  
15           verifying said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the  
modified shipped product; and  
            a module configured to input any new exceptions and  
notations onto said server.

20           15. The system of claim 14 further comprising:  
            a module configured to input said packing slip information  
into a purchaser inventory system; and  
            a module configured to compare said packing slip data to a  
purchase order.

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